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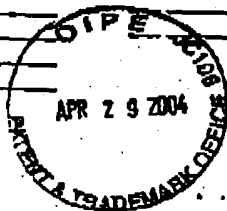
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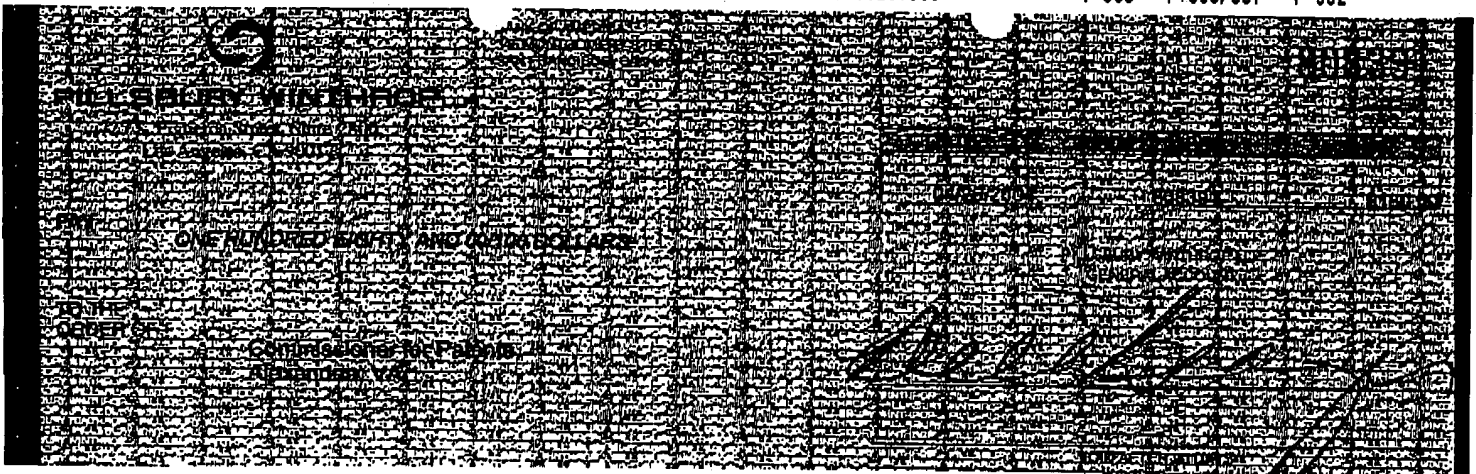
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In re application of: KAZUNOBU KONDO, et al. Serial No.: 09/634,215 Filed: August 9, 2000 For: TIME-AXIS COMPRESSION/EXPANSION METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MULTITRACK SIGNALS	Group No.: 2837 Examiner: Jeffrey Donels
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